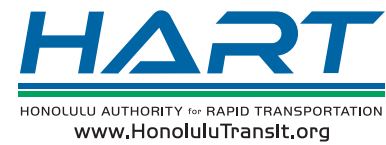


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## Rail Project Presents New Entry Category in Ninth Annual 'Ōlelo Video Competition



Calling all student video producers! We want to direct your attention to a contest the rail transit project is sponsoring. We're looking for videos that will tell us how the rail transit system will help our island's mobility and benefit future generations. We're looking for video public service announcements. The entries can run 30 seconds, one minute or two minutes in length. The contest is open to all school students grades K-through-12, public and private, in the state of Hawai'i. All entries must be submitted by Thursday, March 1st, and should be mailed or delivered to:

'Ōlelo Community Media  
Youth Xchange Video Competition  
1122 Mapunapuna Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

The contest is part of the 'Ōlelo Youth Xchange Video competition. Now in its ninth year, the youth exchange is meant to encourage

dialogue among Hawai'i's students on community issues. The youth exchange provides students with a compelling voice for positive change and community well-being. So this year, we want to hear your voice, and hope you'll enter the Honolulu Rail Transit's Mobility for Future Generations video competition. There are two websites where you can learn more about the video competition. One is our project website, [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org). And the other is [www.olelo.org/ycx](http://www.olelo.org/ycx).

Be creative! Show us what you got! This is a great opportunity to be a part of one of the most exciting projects ever undertaken in the state of Hawai'i. We look forward to your participation and seeing your great videos.



## Project Eligible to Receive a Share of \$500 Million in Federal Funding in 2012

As work continues on the rail project's final design, U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye has announced that the project is eligible to receive a portion of \$510 million in federal funds this year.



U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye

The funding is tied to the City and County of Honolulu and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) signing a Full Funding Grant Agreement for the rail project by the end of 2012, said Inouye, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee. The rail funding is one of several Hawai'i projects receiving funding in fiscal year 2012 after President Barack Obama signed legislation that includes Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD)-related appropriations.

The money for which Honolulu's rail project would be eligible "shall be available for preliminary engineering, final design, and construction of projects that receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement during calendar year 2012," according to the federal funding measure.

"Federal funds are hard to come by in the current budget climate and Honolulu has an opportunity to secure significant federal support for this long awaited project designed to help alleviate traffic on O'ahu," U.S. Sen. Inouye said. "Rail transit will create thousands of jobs and

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## FTA Grants Rail Project Approval to Enter Final Design



Construction activity is expected to accelerate now that the rail project has moved into the final design phase.

The Honolulu Rail Transit project has taken another significant step forward and is now preparing for project construction with the blessing of the federal government.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Interim Executive Director Toru Hamayasu traveled to Washington, D.C. earlier this month where he met with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Administrator Peter Rogoff.

Hamayasu emerged from the meeting confident that the transit authority will be able to meet all the requirements for a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) later this year.

"Most of the discussion centered on putting in place a very specific process and schedule to get to the Full Funding Grant Agreement,"

Hamayasu said. "We agreed to work closely together so that Honolulu is well-positioned to receive the full \$1.55 billion in federal funds for the project."

The meeting came on the heels of the FTA's approval for the rail transit project to enter into Final Design — the final phase of project development.

"This is great news for Honolulu," Mayor Peter Carlisle declared. "We are grateful to Senator Daniel Inouye and to our entire congressional delegation for their strong support. Entering into final design allows us

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will participate in the following events and/or have meetings open to the community. For the most up-to-date information, dates and times on events, visit [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org).

### HART HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thurs., February 2, 2012 | 8:30 a.m.**  
Mission Memorial Annex  
Conference Room  
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

### HART PROJECT OVERSIGHT MEETING

**Thurs., February 2, 2012 | 10:00 a.m.**  
Mission Memorial Annex  
Conference Room  
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

### HART TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thurs., February 16, 2012 | 8:30 a.m.**  
Mission Memorial Annex  
Conference Room  
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

### HART BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Thurs., February 16, 2012 | 10:00 a.m.**  
Mission Memorial Annex  
Conference Room  
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

### 28th ANNUAL GREAT ALOHA RUN SPORTS, HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

**Fri., February 17 | 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Sat., February 18 | 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sun., February 19 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Blaisdell Exhibition Hall



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to begin the process of working toward our Full Funding Grant Agreement with FTA, which will solidify the \$1.55 billion in federal funds we've been told we can expect. We remain on track to complete that process in the fall."

"I appreciate the approval from FTA for Honolulu Rail Transit to enter final design," said Senator Inouye. "This is significant and demonstrates the continued support for the federal share of \$1.55 billion. I will continue to work hard with the City to ensure we obtain the Full Funding Grant Agreement this year."

The Honolulu Rail Transit project's entry into final design demonstrates the FTA's continued acknowledgement that the project is progressing through the various FTA requirements toward a federal contribution of \$1.55 billion. As is the case with all projects that progress through the final design process, FTA Regional Administrator Rogers noted that the Honolulu project's financial plan will be subject to an even more intensive review before FTA enters into an FFGA with HART.

"Today's announcement is a significant milestone and another positive step toward providing O'ahu residents and visitors with more affordable, efficient, and environmentally responsible transportation options," said Congresswoman Mazie Hirono, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. "Since day one, the Obama Administration has recognized the importance of building up public transportation systems as a way to create jobs, connect people with local businesses, and build a strong foundation for a 21st century economy. This project has ongoing support from the Administration and members of Congress in both parties. I look forward to continuing to work with the rest of our Delegation, Mayor Carlisle, and HART to ensure that federal support continues and the project stays on schedule and on budget."

"I'm glad to see the project continue to make progress, as it represents not just

transportation alternatives for residents of O'ahu, but also much needed jobs and support for Hawaii's economy," said Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa. "Like many others, I look forward to seeing the final design and how it addresses the unique needs of the Honolulu urban corridor."



Crews from contractor Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. have been performing night time pre construction work between Kapolei and Waipahu.

"I had the opportunity to meet with FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff earlier this year to personally assure him of the Council's support for this project," said Honolulu City Council Chairman Ernie Martin. "I am pleased with the FTA's announcement and look forward to seeing construction start."

"This approval serves as further confirmation that required steps have been properly followed and that the FTA believes this project should continue to move forward," HART Board Chairwoman Carrie Okinaga said. "It also means that the FTA has approved our updated financial plan and that the project remains on sound financial footing, which is good news for taxpayers. The HART board will continue to do its part to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget."

During final design, HART will refine the project management plan for the construction phase, as well as the final project financial plan, as it negotiates with the FTA the terms for the award of the project's Full Funding Grant Agreement.

## Rail Construction Update

In a sign that the Honolulu Rail Transit project continues moving forward, work is now underway along all four sections of the 20-mile rail route from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center.

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) awarded a \$38.8 million design contract for the rail transit project's airport section of the elevated rail guideway.

Contractor AECOM Technical Services, Inc. is responsible for the design of the 5.2-mile portion of the rail guideway from Aloha Stadium to the Middle Street Transit Center in Kalihi. The company is required to finish the design work by Spring 2013.

Following the scheduled completion of AECOM's design work, a separate construction contract will be put out to bid for the airport section of the elevated guideway. Future contracts will also be awarded for the design and construction of rail stations along that particular segment of the rail route at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu International Airport, Lagoon Drive and Middle Street.

Subcontractors for the airport guideway design contract, including some locally based, include KSF Inc. Structural Engineering, Wilson Okamoto Corp., Yogi Kwong Engineers LLC, Geolabs, Inc., Group 70 International Inc., PBR Hawaii & Associates Inc., Scientific Consultant Services Inc., and T.Y. Lin Associates.

With the Federal Transit Administration allowing the Honolulu Rail Transit project

to enter the final design phase, HART now awaits federal approval to begin scheduled construction on the foundation and columns of the elevated rail guideway. In preparation for the overhead construction this spring, contractor Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. continues with utility relocation work along the west end of the rail alignment on Farrington Highway from East Kapolei to Pearl City.

Kiewit, also named as contractor for the second segment of the rail guideway from Pearl City to Aloha Stadium, is conducting soil tests along that section in preparation for construction.

Meanwhile, archaeological work resumes after the holiday season along the urban Honolulu section of the rail route. The survey work being done in Kalihi, downtown and Kaka'ako will aid project staff in their design of the elevated guideway. Trenching work is expected to run through Summer 2012.

Drivers should anticipate possible traffic delays or use alternate routes during work hours. Motorists are advised to drive with caution and provide a safe distance between themselves and the construction workers and vehicles.

For updates on construction work days and times, please visit the project website at [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org) or contact our hotline at (808) 566-2299.

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bring welcome relief to commuters who are forced to spend hours in their cars each day inching through congested roadways.

"We have planned this project and debated its merits for decades and we must move forward. We must set aside our differences and work together," Inouye added. "I remain committed to this project and will continue to do everything I can to direct federal funds to the work and ensure its timely completion."

HART Interim Executive Director and CEO Toru Hamayasu said the required full-funding grant agreement is within its scheduled timeframe.

"The project remains on track in terms of meeting the deadlines and guidelines in obtaining our Full Funding Grant Agreement and we will continue to work hard to make that happen," Hamayasu said.

## Double Award Winner

HART is pleased to announce that it has won not one, but two, prestigious MarCom Awards for videos it produced during 2011.

In the Strategic Communications Special Event category, HART won the Gold Award for its DVD video presentation of the rail project's Ceremonial Groundbreaking, which was held in February, 2011.

HART also won the Platinum Award in the Government Video/Film category for its Final EIS Video Guide and DVD for the Honolulu Rail Transit project.

The mission of the MarCom Awards is to honor excellence and recognize the creativity and hard work of marketing and communication professionals. MarCom is one of the oldest, largest and most respected competitions in the creative industry.

HART's Public Involvement Team strives to produce top-quality cable television shows, newsletters and other educational material to provide the public with the latest news and information about the Honolulu Rail Transit project.



## GOT QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the rail transit project that you would like to see addressed in our newsletter, e-mail them to [info@HonoluluTransit.org](mailto:info@HonoluluTransit.org) or call our project hotline at (808) 566-2299.

